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FOR SELECTIVELY RINGING ONE OR MORE LAND PHONES OR PORTABLE

PHONES BASED ON THE SELF-

DETECTED GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION

OF A PORTABLE PHONE

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